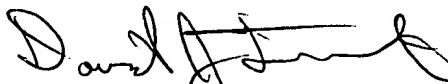


REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 21-39. By the above amendments, the corrections required in the most recent Office Action have been made as prescribed by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced by the above amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and kindly solicits an early indication of the same. If the Examiner has any reservations in passing the application along to issue, and believes that a telephone interview would resolve any outstanding issues, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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